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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

THE STANDARDIZATION OF REPORTING PROCEDURES

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTIONS

28th January, 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 1766, 3700.10, 3851, 3854.

1. The CHAIRMAN referred to paragraph 9 of COCOM Document No. 3854 setting out the text he had proposed as suitable for recording the Committee's agreement that, as from the 1st February, 1960, notification as called for by the administrative procedures would be based in all cases on licences issued. He asked Delegations who had not yet expressed agreement whether they were now in a position to do so.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his authorities would certainly continue to report on a licensing basis. He hoped that it would be possible for the Committee as a whole to agree that this was what had been intended with respect to all List I items, regardless of what particular wording might have been chosen at any given time in respect of any given definition by whatever expert happened to be working on the draft at that point. As the new International Lists were about to come into effect, he hoped that it could be recorded that it remained the Committee's understanding that reporting of licensing was intended for all List I items in the case of every type of exception, administrative or otherwise. He urged the Delegation that had a particular problem here to make the utmost efforts to enable the Committee to achieve unanimity on this point.
3. The JAPANESE Delegate stated that his authorities accepted the procedure of reporting on a licence basis.
4. The CANADIAN Delegate stated that it had always been his authorities' practice to report administrative exceptions on the basis of licences issued and that there was no intention to discontinue this practice.
5. The BELGIAN, GERMAN, NETHERLANDS and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates stated that the position of their authorities was identical with that of the Canadian Government.
6. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that the position was the same in Italy and that he was not aware of any reason for changing the present practice. He accepted the wording proposed by the Chairman in paragraph 9 of COCOM Document No. 3854.
7. The FRENCH Delegate said that he would not fail to point out to his authorities that the majority of Delegations favoured the reporting of exceptions on the basis of licences issued, even in the case of administrative exceptions, although the text of the note itself stated that the statistical reporting should take place after shipment. He wished to point out nevertheless that, in both French and English, words should be given their due value. The competent authorities in France were in the habit of applying agreements according to the

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the significance of the words used.

8. The UNITED STATES Delegate suggested that the Committee should at this time at least adopt the Drafting Group's proposal that fifteen days should be accepted as the standard time limit for reporting licensing of administrative exceptions in all cases where at present reference was made to "immediately", "promptly", etc.

9. The FRENCH Delegate said that unless he received fresh instructions he would not be in a position to participate in such a discussion.

10. The GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates felt that standardization on 15 days would make sense only if uniform application of the reporting of licensing were agreed by the Committee.

11. The COMMITTEE agreed to resume discussion on this matter on the 11th February within the framework of the general exercise of standardization as proposed by the Drafting Group (1959 List Review/ W.P.11 and 12). It was also agreed to discuss on the same date the Drafting Group's proposal that fifteen days should be accepted as the standard time limit for reporting licensing of administrative exceptions in all cases where at present reference was made to "immediately", "promptly", etc.

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